

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 427
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Karalea Dawn Gasper,
2005 Salutatorian of Loudon High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Karalea Dawn Gasper is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2005 graduating class at Loudon High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Karalea has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Gasper has earned an exemplary grade point average; she has been listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, the National Society of High School Scholars, her high school Honor Roll, was among the top ten in her class for four years, won the Excellence in Academics Award and is on the ERCA National Honor Roll, and

WHEREAS, Karalea has demonstrated leadership as Student Council Treasurer, FCA Secretary and Treasurer, and Sophomore Class Treasurer; she is a member and Historian of Mu Alpha Theta, and a member of the WAIT Team, the Leo Club, and the Key Club; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gasper has garnered numerous honors and awards, including listing in *Who's Who Among American High School Students – Sports Edition* and *Presidential Classroom Edition*, selection to Girls' State, attendee at the Global Young Leaders Conference, the National Young Leaders Conference, Lead America – Congressional Student Leadership Congress, Athletes of Good News/Sport Quest, 2005 *News Sentinel* Academic Achiever, and selection as the Senior Superlative Best Dressed; and

WHEREAS, Karalea has demonstrated her athletic prowess as a four-year varsity basketball team member and served as Co-Captain for one year; she has engaged in numerous community service activities, been active in her church through its youth group and in other church activities, and has still found time to work for Loudon Parks and Recreation and for Hot Spot Tanning; and

WHEREAS, Karalea's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gasper's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Richard and Rhonda Gasper, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Karalea Dawn Gasper's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2005 Loudon High School Salutatorian, Karalea Dawn Gasper, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.